

Safety Officer Receives Composite Risk Management Award

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CW5 Mark Grapin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 63rd Theater Aviation Brigade, Kentucky Army National Guard, Frankfort, Ky., was awarded the Director of Army Safety Composite Risk Management Award June 2, for exceptional work as a brigade aviation safety officer. This award is presented to an individual or unit that has demonstrated exemplary leadership or made a significant contribution to Army readiness through composite risk management.

As the aviation safety officer for the 63rd Aviation Group, Udairi Army Airfield, Kuwait, and for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command, CW5 Grapin was responsible for aviation safety at the airfield, group and theater level. During the presentation he was recognized for developing innovative aviation and ground safety programs; including accident prevention, safety promotion and education, and accident reporting tools. Authoring five separate theater-level, intra-service safety and standardization publications for the CFLCC, Grapin was acknowledged for enhancing not only Army aviation safety, but aviation safety for the Army's sister services in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. His vision, leadership and technical skills shaped safety doctrine at various levels and earned him the 2007 DASAF Composite Risk Management Award.



COL Benjamin F. Adams III (left), 63rd Theater Aviation Brigade Commander, presents CW5 Mark Grapin (right) the DASAF Composite Risk Management Award at their annual state aviation safety and standardization stand-down in Frankfort, Ky.